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DATE:

November 1, 2007

TO:

Administration Committee

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

CFO Monthly Report

Accounting:

The annual financial audit by Vasquez & Co., LLP is in progress with field work scheduled to complete by October 20, 2007. The auditors met with and reported their progress to the Audit Committee on October 11, 2007. Staff continues to respond to all auditor requests in a timely fashion. Vasquez expects to issue a draft financial report by October 31, 2007.

Additional procedures were implemented to ensure the timely submission of payroll to ADP (SCAG's payroll processor). Also, data tracking procedures are now in place to provide performance measurement statistics on SCAG's outgoing payment processing cycle. These statistics will initially be used to develop benchmarks for acceptable and later ideal standards.

We received an updated actuarial valuation for fiscal years 2007/08 to complete the requirements for establishing an account in CalPers California Employer's Retiree Benefit Trust for retiree healthcare programs. We have also requested an updated actuarial study for SCAG's supplemental defined benefit retirement plan from the Public Agency Retirement System. This is the first step toward funding that liability with a purchased annuity.

Business Operations:

Business Operations staff has been supporting the planning, preparation and on site production for the RTP workshops being held through out the region including by video conferencing from the Riverside office.

Temporary office space for Joe Burton, Chief Legal Counsel, was completed and meetings were initiated with the Architect to develop plans to build out office space on the 11th floor for the Director of Information Systems.

Clearing storage areas and unoccupied cubicles on the 11th floor continued in preparation for their upcoming staff relocations.



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Budget and Grants

The Budget and Grants Division completed the first quarter progress reports with input from agency staff and the sub region staff. The results were used to support CPG Amendment number 2 recommendations. Budget staff also prepared a Fiscal Year 2007/08 budget presentation framework for review by the Regional Council.

The final changes to the Consolidated Budget Development System were also completed and the system is ready for rollout to staff for initiating the FY08-09 budget development process.

Grants staff has identified two new grant opportunities that are under review by agency staff. One sponsored by the Center for Disease Control and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry provides funding support for conferences related to environmental health topics. The other grant sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency funds multi-jurisdictional, multi-hazard mitigation planning.

Contracts:

During the month of September, the contracts department awarded 2 contracts, issued 12 contract amendments, and issued 7 Requests for Proposals (RFP's). Contracts staff also revised the invoicing instructions on all contracts to require all invoices for payments to be submitted directly to Accounts Payable. This was done to eliminate any ambiguity in the current contract language regarding submittals and approval of invoices. Staff was also notified to immediately forward any invoices sent to them to Accounts Payable for processing.

Submitted by:

Chief Financial Officer



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Budget vs. Actual
Expenditures and Encumbrances
Three Months Ended September 30, 2007
75% of Year Remaining

45,960 96% 305,244 93% 7,724,250 77% 6,981,873 3,905,594 36%
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24,594 11 2,349,601 9 99,562
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COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30 **FY08 vs FY07** SCAG

